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Central Archives of the I.G. Farben Records Building, Griesheim,  
Germany

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GENERAL

1. The Central Archives of the former I.G. Farben combine are under the supervision of the I.G. Farben Control Office, OMGUS. It is staffed by indigenous personnel, several of whom had been formerly employed in the same archives by the now defunct I.G. Farben. The archives are now used mainly by the former subsidiaries of the combine for reference purposes.

RECORDS

2. The archives contain a document collection of approximately 208,000 documents and a library of 21,000 volumes. Both of these collections are cataloged.

3. The document collection is cataloged in two sections.

a. The first section contains the records of the former Central Sales Office of I.G. Farben. The catalog is contained in twenty-seven folders. This collection is considered to have no intelligence value.

b. The second section contains the contracts, inventions, experiments, processes, and developments of I.G. Farben and its subsidiaries, both domestic and foreign. This collection is duplicated in two catalogs. (1) by a simple accession catalog contained in twelve folders, (2) by an alphabetical card catalog. The card catalog is cross-indexed by personality and subject. It is believed that this collection could provide intelligence on the technique and processes used in former I.G. Farben subsidiaries now in the Soviet occupation zone and eastern countries, and scientific biographical information.

4. Room 21 of the Central Archives Record Building contains mostly uncataloged, printed studies produced by I.G. Farben. Included in this collection are the works of the Volkswirtschaftliche Abteilung of I.G. Farben. The studies produced by this section on the economies of foreign countries have been of great value in current intelligence research.

JCS review(s) completed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is suggested that the collections described in paragraphs 3b and 4 be screened (a) for documents pertaining to the Soviet zone of occupation and countries to the east, and (b) for documents containing bibliographical data on scientists who now may be working for the USSR. These documents should be sent to GMDS through Document Section, 7707th ECIC.